

Remarks

This amendment is responsive to the final action of July 25, 2008 and is filed with a Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and the required fee.

In the official action, claims 7-9, 17 and 18 were allowed and claim 16 was considered allowable if amended to include the limitations of base and intervening claims. The remaining claims (1-4, 10, 12, 15) were rejected over prior art.

Claim 16 depended from claim 1. The subject matter of claim 16 has been copied into claim 1, thereby placing claim 16 in independent form according to the indication of allowable subject matter, as amended claim 1. Dependent claim 16 has been canceled.

Claims 2-4, 10, 12 and 15 are allowable together with claim 1 due to their dependence on claim 1 as amended. Thus, claims 1-4, 7-10, 12, 15, 17 and 18 have been allowed or now are allowable in accordance with the official action of July 25, 2008.

This response places the claims in condition for allowance. A typographical omission of "the" has been noticed and corrected at claim 3, line 2, but no new issues are raised that might require further consideration or search. Applicant requests formal allowance of claims 1-4, 7-10, 12, 15, 17 and 18.

Respectfully submitted,

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